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Dear Mr. Barrett,

This letter is to respond to your letter dated August 28, 2001, on nuclear waste management. I have studied the insert and suggestions you included with this letter. Here is my response. Now, more than ever, I urge you to stop the movement to concentrate all nuclear waste in one location. In light of the recent tragedy, we must protect all states and all people of this nation from terrorists. "To focus exclusively on the Yucca Mountain site" (as your letter states) for all nuclear waste of this nation is absolutely irresponsible and an invitation to terrorists to continue their devastation of this beautiful country. Moreover, with all the nuclear testing done in the 60's and 70's, close to this area, the ground is already saturated with nuclear and radioactive waste.

Secondly, here is my answer to your question, "Do you believe that the Secretary should proceed to recommend the site to the President at this time?" "Definitely NOT! <u>NO ONE</u> location should be considered as a suitable site or repository for all nuclear waste of this country, even if your analysis has found that Yucca Mountain is a safe location. As we witnessed on September 11, 2001, there is no such place, nor location that can be considered safe.

Finally, I am not convinced that the transportation of nuclear waste to Yucca Mountain has been sufficiently addressed in your study. It is NOT safe!

Instead of spending tax money on studies to focus on one singular location in which to place all nuclear waste, we need to examine, study, and concentrate our resources on recycling nuclear waste as Senator Ensign has suggested..

Yours Truly,

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cc: Senators Reid and Ensign.